



SODDING FIELD SECTION 803

803.1 Scope. To establish procedures for inspecting and reporting sod.

803.2 Procedure. Unless otherwise specified in the contract, sod shall be Kentucky Blue grass and is to be visually examined for compliance with Specification Sec 803. Sod is only to be accepted from fields or plots which have been inspected and certified as being free of injurious insect pests and plant diseases, by the State Entomologist and conforming to the laws of Missouri. Certification by states other than Missouri for sources outside Missouri, are acceptable. Sod is often inspected in the field before cutting in which case the thickness will be checked later by either district Operations personnel. The sod may be reported after the initial inspection and no report of later inspections is necessary.

803.3 Report. Sod shall be reported according to [Automation Section AS-3510](#). The report is to indicate acceptance, qualified acceptance, or rejection. Appropriate remarks, as described in [General Sec 7.1.2](#) of this Manual, are to be included in the report to clarify conditions of acceptance or rejection. In lieu of attaching a copy of the certification to subsequent reports for the same project, a statement referring to the Identification Number and Reported Date of the first report may be placed in the body of the following reports of sod from the same source. Acceptance reports of sod inspected at the source are to contain a statement similar to the following:

"Sod was densely rooted and thrifty and reasonably free of weeds at the field location. Sod will be subject to inspection by the Resident Engineer when delivered to the project."

